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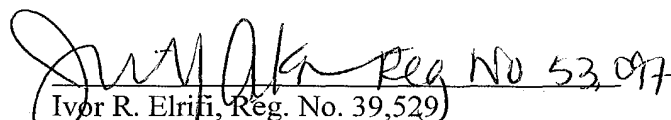
Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

- ☒ Response to June 4, 2003 Restriction Requirement (2 pgs.);
- ☒ Petition for Extension of Time (1 pg.);
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment (5 pgs.);
- ☒ Check No. 17038 in the amount of \$205.00;
- ☒ Copy of signed Petition and Amendment to Correct Inventorship in a
Nonprovisional Patent Application Under 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b) - Fewer Inventors
Due to Amendment or Cancellation of Claims (3 pgs.); and
- ☒ Return Postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts. The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21402-245. A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed.

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RESPONSE TO THE JUNE 4, 2003 RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 4, 2003, Applicants elect the invention of Group II (claims 5-14, 30 and 33), drawn to a polynucleotide, vector, host cell, pharmaceutical composition and a kit, without traverse.

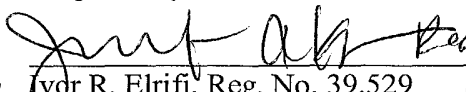
Applicants submit herewith a copy of a concurrently filed Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b) in order to delete those inventors who were correctly named in the instant application as filed, but are not inventors of the invention currently recited by the pending claims.

Applicants are also filing this Response in conjunction with a Preliminary Amendment. A Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time and required fee are filed herewith. With this extension, a response is due on or before September 4, 2003. This application is entitled to small-entity status. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that

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